

FY 2008 Industrial Rail Service Fund

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announces the award of \$1,300,000 in Industrial Rail Service Fund grants to six shortline railroads. These grants can be used for the rehabilitation of railroad infrastructure or railroad construction and will assist those railroads in improving their track to meet the needs of new businesses which will need and use rail service. In addition, the grants will help the railroads improve rail service in communities and rural areas.

Shortline railroads serve as critical links connecting many agricultural areas and smaller communities to higher density rail lines. These lines provide access to major cities, rivers, and ports. The benefits of assisting shortline railroads include providing more potential sites which need rail access for economic development, assisting shortlines to preserve their lines, decreasing truck traffic on highways and reducing congestion on highways.

Grant applications are assessed by five scoring elements outlined in the Industrial Rail Service Grant Application. INDOT scores, awards and monitors all aspects of this grant program.

Railroad	Amount	Project County	Award Amount
	Requested		
Louisville & Indiana Railroad	\$ 350,000.00	Johnson	\$350,000.00
Indiana Rail Road Company	\$ 240,083.00	Vigo	\$240,083.00
Hoosier Southern Railroad	\$ 184,000.00	Perry	\$184,000.00
Chesapeake and Indiana	\$ 116,275.00	Starke	\$116,275.00
Winamac Southern Railway	\$ 213,752.00	Howard	\$151,233.00
	original		
	\$ 151,233.00		
	revised		

Bee Line Railroad	\$ 281,250.00	Warren, Benton	\$258,409.00
			Funds Exhausted
Chicago, Fort Wayne & Eastern RR		Varied	
Indiana Northeastern		Steuben	
Madison Railroad		Jefferson	
Indian Creek Railroad		Madison	
Logansport & Eel River Railroad		Cass	
Hoosier Heritage Port Authority		Marion, Hamilton	NOT ELIGIBLE FOR IRSF